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Title: GEORGE WILDMAN BALL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Review of records at Executive Office of the White House set forth. Appointee's official personnel file reviewed. Associates at the Department of State comment favorably concerning the appointee. No credit or police agency record. CSC files contain no additional pertinent information. HCUA negative. Department of State Security file reviewed. State Passport information set forth. Check of D. C. Bar set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT

The Executive Office
of the White House

On December 29, 1964, SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS was
advised by [redacted] of the
following information pertaining to the appointee:

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11/24/60:

Group organized by request of the President-elect-Task Force on the State Department operations, overseas and in Washington.

1/30/61:

Confirmed as Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

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3/7/61: Confirmed as U. S. Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, term of five years;

U. S. Alternate Governor of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, term of five years;

U. S. Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Board, term of five years.

1/29/62: Confirmed as Under Secretary of State.

10/29/62: Press conference - member of Coordinating Committee to give full time and attention to the matter involved in the conclusion of the Cuban crisis.

2/22/63: Presidential letter nominating the appointee as Chairman on the Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

The White House Office, advised SA SAUNDERS that her files contained no information concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

Department of State

The official personnel file for the appointee at the Department of State, reviewed on December 21, 1964, by SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER, verified the following government employment:

2/1/61: Excepted appointment as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

12/3/61: Termination.

12/4/61: Excepted appointment as Under Secretary of State. Currently serving in this capacity.

On December 21, 1964, Mr. WILLIAM P. BUNDY, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State, advised SA SPEICHER that he has known the appointee casually as an attorney in Washington, D. C., and a prominent member of the Democratic Party for approximately 12 years. He indicated that he has lived next door to the appointee at his present address at 3100 35th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the past six years. Mr. BUNDY mentioned that he had been employed in the Department of Defense during the period from 1961 to 1964 and had seen the appointee professionally in connection with matters of mutual official interest. He added that in March, 1964, he, BUNDY, had joined the Department of State, where he has served under the appointee's supervision. Mr. BUNDY reported that he considers the appointee to be a loyal citizen of the United States and a man of excellent character, conduct, morals, reputation and associations. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the government, remarking that he is a capable, intelligent, conscientious and reliable person. Mr. BUNDY advised that the only member of the appointee's family he knows is appointee's wife, who appears to be a very fine person. He was unable to furnish any information concerning other members of the appointee's family.

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Governor W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, Under Secretary of State, advised SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY on December 22, 1964, that he has been in daily contact with Under Secretary of State, GEORGE W. BALL. He said that BALL together with Secretary of State RUSK demonstrate an extraordinary capacity to understand the divergent, complex and intricate problems that face this country from all parts of the world. BALL is dedicated to his work and is always available. He has demonstrated remarkable judgment and character. He rated his character, associates, reputation and loyalty as superlative and recommended BALL for a position of trust and confidence.

HARRY C. MC PHERSON, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, stated to SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY on December 22, 1964, that he did not know Under Secretary of State BALL well on a personal basis but had only the highest regard for his character, associates, reputation and loyalty and certainly had no reason not to recommend him.

[redacted] stated to SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY on December 21, 1964, that he first met Under Secretary of State GEORGE W. BALL in 1959 when he was practicing law in Washington, D. C. He said he always had the highest regard for his abilities and behavior. There is certainly no question concerning his loyalty or devotion to the national interest. He is very security conscious. His character and reputation are impeccable. All of his associates are reputable and loyal. He has met Mr. BALL's wife and one son is finishing a tour of duty in the Army. He certainly recommended BALL to a position of trust and confidence.

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WILLIAM C. FOSTER, Director, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, advised SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY on December 23, 1964, that he first met GEORGE BALL a little before World War II as a lawyer practicing in New York City and that they served together on committees in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, National Manufacturers Association and similiar groups. Since BALL's practice had to do primarily with international legal affairs, one of the matters in which they served on committees together included the Marshall Plan after World War II. Since 1961 he has worked with him very closely on an almost daily basis. He has the highest regard for BALL's competence, dedication, patriotism and security consciousness. He has met his wife but does not know her well. He recommends GEORGE BALL for any post for which he might be considered on the highest level.

THOMAS C. MANN, Assistant Secretary of State and United States Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress, on December 23, 1964, stated to SA DOUGHERTY that he knew GEORGE BALL very casually as a lawyer until the last two times that MANN has served in the State Department in Washington. During the EISENHOWER Administration he had had contact with BALL in economic matters particularly involving the Common Market. He said that his loyalty and patriotism are of the highest, his character and reputation could not be better and his associates, as far as he knew, were fine people above suspicion. He considers BALL to be well intentioned and would recommend him for a position involving trust and confidence.

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[redacted] advised SA RICHARD A. NEWBY on December 29, 1964, that he has known appointee since 1952 through business, social and political activities. In 1952, he and appointee were both active in support of ADLAI STEVENSON for president. He was employed temporarily by BALL in 1952 as a consultant when appointee was practicing law in Washington, D. C., and was professionally associated with him from March, 1953, to January, 1961. He has a very high opinion of appointee's ability and integrity and has found him always highly devoted to the welfare of the United States. Appointee has an excellent character and his loyalty to the United States Government is without question. He has never heard anything derogatory concerning appointee's associates or reputation.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCY CHECKS

On December 22, 1964, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the D. C. Credit Bureau which revealed no record for the appointee, his wife, RUTH MURDOCH BALL, [redacted]

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On December 22, 1964, SE [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee and relatives; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

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On December 22, 1964, IC [redacted] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police, and no record was found concerning the appointee and relatives.

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IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on December 23, 1964, that no record was located concerning the appointee and relatives.

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IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on December 22, 1964, that no record was located concerning the appointee and relatives.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On December 24, 1964, IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigation, Civil Service Commission, and was advised that the file contained no additional pertinent information since last reviewed on January 17, 1961, by the FBI.

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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on December 22, 1964, by IC [] and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

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Files, Department of State, Office of Security, reviewed by SA [] on December 22, 1964, disclosed the additional information that on January 23, 1961, Mr. DEAN RUSK, Secretary of State, personally authorized appointment of Mr. BALL to a sensitive position in State, subject to satisfactory completion of a full field investigation within 90 days from the effective date of appointment. File reflects he was appointed Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs on February 1, 1961, having been nominated by the President on January 21, 1961, confirmed by the Senate on January 30, 1961, and attested by the White House on January 30, 1961.

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On April 5, 1961, Atomic Energy Commission notified Office of Security that "Q" clearance No. WA-113638 had been granted appointee effective March 31, 1961.

File reflects termination as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs on December 3, 1961, to accept Presidential appointment as Under Secretary of State on December 4, 1961. He was then so appointed, a recess appointment. He was nominated by the President then on January 15, 1962, confirmed by the Senate on January 29, 1962, and attested by the White House on January 30, 1962.

Under date of February 9, 1962, Secretary of State RUSK personally granted security clearance to appointee. The Office of Security cleared appointee under Executive Order 10450 on March 16, 1962.

The file contains no additional pertinent information.

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On December 28, 1964, IC [] reviewed the appointee's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, which listed his date of birth as December 21, 1909, at Des Moines, Iowa.

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He was issued Diplomatic Passport No. X000005 on March 13, 1961, for approximately two weeks travel to England, Germany and France for the purpose of attending the Development Assistance Group and for various consultations.

On March 9, 1961, his passport was seen stamped for travel to London, England, Paris, France, Rome, Italy, Geneva, Switzerland, and Bonn, Germany, on official business for the State Department.

His passport was seen stamped on June 19, 1961, for travel to Japan and Hong Kong to attend meeting with economic counselors and USOM directors.

His passport was again seen stamped on September 1, 1961, for travel to Vienna, Austria, as a member of the U. S. Delegation to the Annual Meetings of the Board of Governors, Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund and International Finance Corporation, Vienna, Austria.

His passport was seen stamped on November 2, 1961, for travel to Paris, France, to participate as a member of the U. S. Delegation to the First OECD Ministerial Meeting, Paris, France.

His passport was seen stamped on November 21, 1961, for travel to Geneva, Switzerland, as a member of the U. S. Delegation to the 19th Session of the Contracting Parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, (GATT), and the GATT Ministerial Meeting.

On January 15, 1962, his passport was seen stamped for travel to Panama City, Panama, to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Company. The passport was limited to March 31, 1962.

On March 27, 1962, his passport was validated for travel to Paris, France, Dusseldorf, Germany, and London, England, for consultation with government and Embassy officials. It was also validated for repeated trips.

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He traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, Stockholm, Sweden, Paris, France, and Rome, Italy, for consultation with government and Embassy officials. No action was taken on his passport due to the validation for repeated trips.

On October 8, 1962, his passport was validated for travel to Colombia and Panama to dedicate the Thatcher Bridge in Panama and to consult with government and Embassy officials in Bogota, Colombia.

On November 15, 1962, he traveled to Paris, France, under the repeated trips validation for consultation with government and Embassy officials.

He traveled to Paris, France, Bonn, Germany, and Rome, Italy, on January 9, 1963, for consultation with government and Embassy officials. This trip was covered by the repeated trips validation.

On March 19, 1963, his passport was seen stamped for travel to Paris, France, and Nice, France, for consultation with Embassy officials.

On May 29, 1963, he traveled to London, England, Paris, France, and other countries to consult with government and Embassy officials. The trip was covered by the repeated trips validation.

On August 16, 1963, his passport was validated under the repeated trips stamp for travel to Lisbon, Portugal, Paris, France, and Karachi, Pakistan, for consultation with government and Embassy officials.

On February 5, 1964, his passport was validated for travel to London, England, Athens, Greece, Nicosia, Cyprus, and Ankara, Turkey for consultation with government and Embassy officials. The passport was limited to December 31, 1964.

On March 6, 1964, his passport was validated under the repeated trips stamp for travel to Geneva, Switzerland, as a member of the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTD) at Geneva, Switzerland. His passport was again validated for a trip to this conference on June 2, 1964.

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He stated on his application that as of 1961, he was married to RUTH MURDOCH BALL, born June 4, 1905, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 16, 1932. He listed his parents as AMOS BALL, born May 3, 1877, at Devonshire, Enbland (deceased), and EDNA WILDMAN BALL, born May 27, 1879, at Marshalltown, Iowa (deceased). His father was a U. S. citizen.

This file is being brought up to date since being reviewed on January 16, 1961, by [redacted] FBI.

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The file contained no additional pertinent information.

On December 29, 1964, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made at the following and was advised that their records contained either no record or no additional information regarding the appointee:

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Lawyers Register, U. S. District Court
for the District of Columbia

Committee on Admissions and Grievances,
U. S. District Court for the District
of Columbia

Federal Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

U. S. Supreme Court Bar

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SA [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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On December 28, 1964, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U. S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, Protective Research Section, at which time he was advised the files contained no record concerning the appointee.

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